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A Tramp. BY ROSE TERRY COOKE.

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Christian Union, That is just it. I was a tramp! In the light of to-day I hate to admit it, but I must. I had been a machinist, with a pretty, gentle wife, good wages, a pleasant nome; and then the hard times came. Hard enough they were to millions beside me, but I did not think of them. I had more means than others I knew-food, if it was coarse, fire enough for warmth-but what I wanted, cried out for, raged that I could not get, was delicate living and luxuries for Annie, for she was dying. I know now nothing could have saved her : consumption is helpless and hopeless; but one day when I went down to the Charleston steamer the day she sailed, to adjust some little matter in the machinery that they thought out of gear, I saw the wife of one of the firm for whom I worked up town brought on board to go to Florida Her face

She looked a little like Annie; her eyes were clear and gray too, and her face wan and lying back in a chair carried by two servants; a kind-faced nurse was with her and her husband beside her. I had a glimpse at her state room as I passed through the cabin, for they were arranging it so that she might be settled before the rest of the passengers can aboard. It was like a nest, crowded with comfort. If I could have stolen that fur-

for the winter.

have done it; as it was, I swore. What had this woman done to have all. and night as wages grew lower and work rights. less, and Annie faded away. She was a good woman, that wife of mine, and not a bit afraid to die; but she was afraid to serve God while we live." leave me in the furious bitterness of my

One day I came home and found her paler than ever. I had brought her an she asked, holding it out to me.

"Frank," she said in a whisper, "when believe God knows more than you do." I am dead try to be good; try to know I turned and went into the yard. I God. I couldn't talk about it, dear; but couldn't stand her talk, but I could not I have prayed. God is good, Frank. I get away from it. know it. I am going home. I could not bear this. I did not believe Here was I, strong, healthy, even a skilled

rence! I knew afterwards that all the look out of her eyes. luxuries he lavished on bis wife were as useless as the coarse shawl and common | must know more than I did or he couldn't food I gave mine. She died before Annie, be God; perhaps I had made a mistake nd away from him. I stooped down to after all. kiss my wife and to stop her from such talk. Her lips were cold; her hot hand grew chill in mine; her great gray eyes looked at me with one bright look of love, and then closed. Annie had gone away. Well, why should I work after that? I went to hear Communist harangues, and sudden I looked down into the water and learned the stale old story that property was robbery. Why was Mr. Lawrence rich and I poor? It was an outrage. Good Lord! it was me! Society owed me a living, and I would I wondered that the girl had spoken to have it as well as he. I did not stop to me at all, and then I thought what Annie consider that he was once poorer than I would have said to see me like that.

and had worked successfully for his The blood seemed to come to my head.

demagogues for what they were on the surface. They suited my fury against man and my ignorance of God too well not to be adopted. It was May when the Iridion works closed, but I had not worked there for two months. I had lived on what few dollars I had left after. Annie was buried, and now and then I got a porton's job for and now and then I got a porter's job, for I was as strong as a horse. Still, I alif I had nothing to stay in the city for and like a great many others I made up my mind that since I was born into the world it should give me a free living. I went on

I can't say I liked it at first; it was a great while before I could sleep well in a barn, or under an old musty hay-stack, but I had grit enough left to persist, and the lazy life the fresh air, the trees, the grass, and creatures, all so different from the grimy shop and dirty streets, did seem amazing pleasant. I suppose living this sort of life changed me inwardly, too. I got to feel more like a wild beast. I liked to see women shut and lock the door when they ran over at my lips. I would not have stopped at knocking down any who came across my way, but they generally let me alone. After awhile I got a revolver. It was to home; he didn't have hold of her never loaded, but it was just as good to hand when she died.

frighten women with, and many a one fetched me warm food and drink when I and he said: let them see it. I did like to see them turn white and shiver. I was so angry with everything that I liked to terrify and hurt everybody I could. "Hateful and hating one another;" that is about as near my state then as I can tell it. So I tramped all summer. I did not think often about Annie. I didn't like to, for good enough reasons. By September I had got way up into Vermont, among the hills, and began to think I must

There was a little sort of a stoop built I had been there myself, you see! out under the roof of the ell part, and the kitchen door opened onto it. There was a row of bright milk pans standing against the wall, to sun, and a bunch or two of herbs hanging up by the door. A great yellow cat ran away when it saw me, and a very me from under a banch in the word. eyed me from under a be nch in the woodknocked, and a young woman opened the door directly. I never saw such a steady face: her eyes were brown, and looked straight at you like a robin's; her mouth was as pure and clean as a child's, and her firm cheeks showed a healthy, even color of pink. Her hair was so tidy, so shining, her calico gown and check apron so perfectly neat, that she seemed some-how as if she was just new every way. I did not say anything at once, for I felt so dirty and so bad the minute I looked at

"Well?" she said, in a cool sort of voice "do you want anybody?" "I want something to eat," said I,

We never give to tramps," she answered, without any change of tone. "I've got to have it," said I, as crossly as I could. "We have nothing for you," said she,

quite unmoved.

"Come, hurry up! I've got to have my dinner, and you'd better get it for me pretty quick," I called out with an oath, taking out my pistol and handling it as a Her eyes grew a little darker at that, and she smiled; she was not scared a mite. she only said, very quietly :

"If any man will not work neither "That may be your opinion, miss, but it isn't mine. The world owes me a liv-

ing and I'm bound to have it," I growled "How so?" she answered. "What have you done for the world to put it in your debt ?"

I couldn't answer this question; it was like a blow in the face; so I swore again and demanded some dinner.

"I shall not give you any," she said, quite as calmly as ever. "If you were sick, or feeble, or crippled, helpless in any way, it would be different; but you are a strong, likely man, and you can earn your living just as well as I can." I looked at her slight straight figure.

"Do you work for a living ?" I asked. "Yes; I have worked ever since I was six years old. I was bound out then and I worked at whip-braiding. I haven't any relations—any near ones I mean; there is nobody to take care of me. I have to work and I am glad I can."

I swore a very common oath, calling on God to punish me if I would stand that if Her face flushed.

"Don't do that again," she said. "If you want to be lost, call upon Satan; he hears such requests gladly. God is your and sweet. She was wrapped in soft shawls father; he does not like to punish you even if you ask him to; he'd ever so much rather forgive you." I never was so taken aback.

"Look here," I said after a moment, don't you think it's outrageous that a pretty behaved girl like you should be working for a living when there's thousands of women no better than you rolling in their carriages?" lined cloak and that swing-chair I would

"No. God put me here and them there. He knows best.' "Well, you seem to think God knows a and my patient wife to have nothing? I good deal. I claim to know some things kept thinking of all this; brooding day myself; and I believe folks all have equal

> "Do you?" she said, "so do I; I have rights. Rights to get ready to die and to She stepped out of the door and picked up a red leaf from the grass. "Can you make such a leaf as that?

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I never seemed so mean to myself before. in it. God good, and Annie dying while workman, tramping about the country that other woman was saved by the money begging! I never called it begging before I had as good a right to have as Jim Law- but I knew now what it was, for I seemed to About God; well, if there was a God he

> Jim Lawrence must be a rich man be cause he had more brains than I, with the same chances; and who was to blame about the brains? I sat down by a little pond there was near by and fell to thinking, when all of a

money, or to ask why society owed me a living. I took the precious arguments of demagogues for what they were on the low little good I had done myself by leav-

could wash my face, and I did.

It was just beginning, you see; then I got up on my feet and tramped off toward ways expected to go back to the works if Ludlow. An old woman a mile further on the worst came to the worst, and when they closed up for want of orders I felt as if I had nothing to stay in the city for and I had got on to the station next below Ludlow, and seeing some hands at work loading up a freight car I put in and helped. One of them gave me my supper for that, and let me sleep in the barn; it did

seem better than begging.

The next day I sold my revolver and got a jacket, and before long got a place on the freight line where I could work my passage back to the city, I could get a lodging there I knew, for I had two dol-

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women shut and lock the door when they saw me come into the yard, and hand out the food I asked for through the window. then he sort of choked. Somehow, for saw me come into the yard, and hand out the food I asked for through the window. How I used to scare them! I don't wonder. I was big, dirty, ragged, and full of bad thoughts that showed out in my face and seemed to be something we had together. I remember his wife's great sad eyes, and her tired face; money hadn't saved her after all, and his business kept him

> Well, he sort of cleared his thoat then, "I'm just going to dinner, Reed; come around to my office on Front street in the morning and I'll find you a job."

And he said it so hearty like I knew he meant it. He was as good as his word. I got work from him right off, and after awhile, when I could buy decent clothes, I took to going to meeting; for I could not get what that girl said, when I swore, out of my head.

I have got a Bible, too. I know Annie would like that; but I had to shut it up work back to the city, when one day i stopped at an old red farm house between Tyson and Ludlow to get some dinner.

would like that; but I had to shut it up quick one day when it opened at a sentence about "the horrible pit and the miry clay."

won't know me again. I hate to hide anyshed. It was a poor place enough, but thing from her clean, clear eyes; but I looked thrifty and comforfable. I don't see how I ever can tell her that I was that tramp.

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